

Palm Sunday

April 2nd, 2023

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE *March Triumphant into Jerusalem* Thygeson

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Behold, your King comes to you!

All: **He is just, he brings salvation, he brings peace.**

One: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

All: **Hosanna in the highest!**

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* #196

✠ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

With eager hearts and open hands, Holy One, we welcome Jesus just like the crowds on the first Palm Sunday, that is – until he refuses the power we offer him, choosing to become our servant; until he turns the tables, challenging our idea of what it means to be religious; until he gets “too political,” reminding us that we cannot separate love of God and love of neighbor. We welcome Jesus just like the crowds on the first Palm Sunday, that is – until we don’t; until we want him gone because of the discomfort he brings; until we are shouting along with everyone else, “Crucify him!” Forgive us, Gracious and Holy Lord. *[Time for silent prayer.] Amen.*

✠ ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE

One: Tell the daughters of despair, proclaim it to the sons of sadness:

All: **Christ has come to save us! Hosanna! Thanks be to God, who comes to bring us grace, hope, life. Hosanna in the highest. Amen!**

✠ RESPONSE *O Lamb of God Most Holy!*

*O Lamb of God Most holy! Who on the cross did suffer
And patient still and lowly, yourself to scorn did offer
Our sins by you were taken, or hope had us forsaken
Your peace be with us, Jesus!*

✠ PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign the Registration Pad found on the end of the pew and pass it down.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

All children are invited to come forward for the Time for Young Disciples.

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory

Hosannas in the Highest

Douglas Wagner

✠ Response

What Wondrous Love Is This

#215, v. 3

✠ Prayer of Dedication

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING

Jeremiah 7:1-15

p. 707 OT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 21:1-17

p. 23 NT

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THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Sarah Morgan

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

✠ Preparatory Hymn

We Come as Guests Invited

#504

Great Thanksgiving & The Lord’s Prayer

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **They are lifted up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Communion of the People *Variations on “Wondrous Love”* Samuel Barber
Prayer after Communion

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Vision Statement of 2nd Presbyterian Church

Responding in gratitude to God’s love and grace, we are a welcoming, faithful, and hopeful community, following Jesus and serving him in the world.

THIRD READING

Matthew 27:15-26

p. 32 NT

✠ HYMN OF SENDING

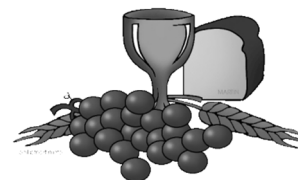
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

#223

✠ BLESSING AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✠ POSTLUDE *Darkness from Two ‘Gethsemane’ Meditations* Lehenbauer

✠ PLEASE STAND IN BODY OR IN SPIRIT, AS YOU ARE ABLE



Communion: We welcome all who follow Jesus, regardless of denomination, to the Lord’s Table, including children. Parents who wish to celebrate communion as a family may get their children from the nursery during the singing of the Communion preparation hymn. **Communion will be received via intinction this morning.** Prefilled communion cups are available at the entrances to the sanctuary for those who do not wish to come forward for intinction.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds – Pastor

Sarah Morgan – Pastor

Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts

John Lasater – Organist

2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers: Kay and Terry Weaver, Patton and Jack Lewis
Technicians: Matt Casey (video) and Paul Sexauer (audio)

WORSHIP

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS: We are currently following the Narrative Lectionary, Year 1.

April 2	Matthew 21:1-17	Triumphal Entry
April 6	Matthew 26:17-30; 27:27-61	Words of Institution/Crucifixion
April 9	Matthew 28:1-10	Resurrection
April 16	Matthew 28:16-20	The Great Commission

THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given to the glory of God.

COMMUNION WILL BE RECEIVED VIA INTINCTION this morning. Please proceed down the center aisle, break off a piece of bread, dip it in the cup on the side on which you are seated, and return to your seat via the side aisle. A gluten-free communion station is provided to the left. If mobility or health concern is an issue for you, self-serve cups are available at the sanctuary entrance.

TODAY IS PALM SUNDAY: Everyone is invited to pick up a palm as they enter the sanctuary to wave during the first hymn. All children and their families are invited to come to the Narthex at the start of worship to receive palms and parade through the sanctuary during the first hymn.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE: This Thursday, April 6th, we will celebrate Holy Thursday with music, readings from scripture, and communion. The service will begin at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary and we will follow Jesus from Table to Trial.

THE FLOWERING OF THE CROSS: Everyone is invited to take part in our annual “Flowering of the Cross” on Easter Sunday morning! Bring flowers from your yard, garden, the store, or even the side of the road with you to worship. Then on Easter Sunday morning prior to the service, come and place your flowers on the cross as you enter the sanctuary before you take your seat. Following the service (weather permitting), our fellowship time will be in the sanctuary courtyard and the flowered cross will be placed there for all to see.

EASTER EGG HUNT: There will be an Easter Egg Hunt NEXT Sunday at 9:45 a.m. in the preschool playground area for our youngest disciples. All families with young children are invited to participate.

KIRKIN’ O’ THE TARTAN: On Sunday, April 16th, we will celebrate the Kirkin’ o’ the Tartan during the morning worship service. The Kirkin’ o’ the Tartan service celebrates our Presbyterian Scottish heritage in worship. “Kirkin” comes from “kirk,” the Scottish word for church, so the phrase literally means the “Churching of the Tartan,” though most people take it to mean “blessing” of the tartans. If you are interested in participating by carrying a tartan and/or if you have a tartan at home, please contact Charles White at cwhite90@utk.edu

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are excited to have you with us today and hope you feel at home! We are honored you are here and pray you will feel God's presence in this place. If you do not have a church home, we would love for you to be a part of the 2nd Pres. Please let us know a bit about you by completing a Visitor's Card or by filling out your information in the Friendship Register. Children are welcome in worship. There is a **family worship area** down the front. There is also a "crying room" next door in the Library where the service is live streamed. **Children's Worship Bags** are available in the Narthex. A **nursery is available** for infants and children through age 6. **Hearing Devices** are available if needed.

CONNECT

PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP in the Mary Chambers Room following worship this morning. The Mary Chambers Room is at the front left of the sanctuary.

EASTER SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP TIME: Our post-worship Fellowship Time next week will be in the Sanctuary Courtyard (between the sanctuary and chapel), weather permitting.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION LUNCHEON: Please join us in the Fellowship Hall immediately after worship on April 30th for lunch and a celebration of Second's graduates.

SECOND READERS will meet on April 12th at 11:30 a.m. in the Buckingham Clubhouse. Our book this month is *The Other Einstein* by Marie Benedict. All are welcome. Bring your lunch and join us!

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: Margaret Walther, drawing on her years of experience as a nurse and caregiver, is starting a support group here at Second Presbyterian to address issues associated with grief and loss. The group is meant to offer encouragement and provide information and resources on many topics, including hospice care. Please join us for an interest meeting on April 20th at 10:30 a.m. in the church library.

GROW

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: On April 9th we will begin Children's Church during the worship hour for children ages two to 1st grade. Children will join their families in the sanctuary for the start of worship and then, right after the Children's Time, our volunteers will take them to the Children's Wing. We will teach a bible lesson, have a snack, and do a craft or game together. Children should be picked up as soon as the worship service ends. Children from birth up to 2 years old may come to the nursery before worship if their parents desire.

THE FAITH SCIENCE & THE FUTURE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS meets in the Barbour Room at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays. This class studies current events through the lens of faith using a weekly curriculum called *The Wired Word*.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL & BOOK DISCUSSION: Our Lenten devotional book is *Lent of Liberation* by Cheri L. Mills. We are meeting to discuss the readings on Thursdays at 12 noon during Lent.

SUPPORT

THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING offering will be received TODAY and on Easter Sunday. This offering supports *Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People Program*. Please write One Great Hour of Sharing on your check and place it in the offering or mail it to the Church Office.

TO GIVE ONLINE: Visit us at www.2ndpres.org/give, text *2ndPresKnox* to 73256, or scan the QR code.



THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, April 2nd (Communion & Palm Sunday)

9:15 a.m. Brunch (Fellowship Hall)
10:30 a.m. Worship

Monday, April 3rd

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (Barbour Room)
4:30 p.m. Cross Ministries Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 4th

4:30 p.m. CONNECT Team Meeting
5:00 p.m. Facilities Team Meeting

Wednesday, April 5th

2:00 p.m. Compassionate Cuisine

Thursday, April 6th

12:00 p.m. Lenten Book Study (Barbour Room)
1:00 p.m. GO Team
7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship (Sanctuary)

Friday, April 7th

GOOD FRIDAY (Church Closed)

Sunday, April 9th (Easter Sunday)

9:45 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt (Playground)
10:30 a.m. Worship

PRAYER CONCERNS

Cheryl Ragsdale, Janis Smith, Fran McLean, Jerry Young,
Arlis Milligan, Beverli White, and Peter Douglas Hamilton.

*Please notify the office if you are sick, in the hospital, or have a prayer request.
Names remain on the prayer list 4 weeks unless requested to keep them on longer.

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WI-FI NETWORK: Our Wi-fi network is for use by anyone who visits the building. The network is "Second Presbyterian Church", and the password is *Psalm100*.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.

Psalm 118.26



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